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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Laragh, John L. Confirmation No.: 4847

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For: METHOD FOR EVALUATING AND TREATING HYPERTENSION

Art Unit: 1657

Examiner: Petersen, C.

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in connection with the aboveidentified application to file a Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and Response to Final Office Action extending the response period up to August 25, 2008.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$525.00 in payment of the threemonth extension fee for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. No additional fee(s) are believed to be due. However, the Director is also authorized to charge such fee(s) or credit any overpayment in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Dated: August 22, 2008 /Robert E. Alderson, Jr./

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